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SUBJECT: COAL MINE EXPLOSION IN MOATIZE

1. MOZAMBIQUE INFORMATION AGENCY ANNOUNCED IN PRESS RELEASE THAT A FIREDAMP (METHANE) EXPLOSION OCCURRED SEPTEMBER 16 IN THE "CHUPANGA 6" TUNNEL IN THE MOATIZE COAL MINE, KILLING THREE AND BURYING ABOUT 140 MINERS. OFFICIALS STATED THERE IS LITTLE HOPE OF SAVING ANY OF THE BURIED MINERS.

2. ACCIDENT OCCURRED AT 0840 HOURS WHEN "GRAVEYARD" SHIFT WAS ABOUT TO SURFACE. THREE KILLED IN EXPLOSION WERE PART OF GROUP OF 18 ON SURFACE. BY 1900 HOURS, DEATH TOLL HAD RISEN TO FIVE. PRESS STATED THIS WAS LARGEST EXPLOSION EVER IN THE MOATIZE MINE, AND WAS HEARD IN THE CITY OF TETE, 18 KILOMETERS AWAY.

3. GPRM MINISTER OF LABOR, MARIANO MATSINHA, AND MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE MARIO DA GRACA MACHUNGO HEADED A DELEGATION SENT BY PRESIDENT MACHEL TO INVESTIGATE THE DISASTER.
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